



Attorney Docket No. 021617.0253C2US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Gil M. VARDI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3731

Application No.: 10/802,036

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: March 17, 2004

Title: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, to accept the present application as being filed on behalf of the non-signing inventors.

OATH OR DECLARATION BY ALL AVAILABLE INVENTORS

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the June 4, 2004 Notice to File Missing Parts along with a declaration executed by all available inventors who were willing to sign.

IDENTIFICATION OF NON-SIGNING INVENTORS & LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES

Both Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld are named inventors, and have refused to join the present application by signing of the declaration. Their last known address information is as follows:

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Orinda, CA 94563

Tanhum Feld
Moshav Merhavia
19105 Israel

PROOF OF UNAVAILABILITY OR REFUSAL

Applicants submit herewith the Declaration of Michele V. Frank in support of this petition. It is respectfully submitted that the Declaration and Exhibits attached thereto establish:

(i) Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld were presented with the application and declaration; (ii) were requested to join in the application by executing the declaration; and (iii) the conduct of Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld constitutes a refusal to join in the application.

RELIEF REQUESTED & CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants request that the present application be accepted as complete. To the extent that it is determined that relief is inappropriate pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.47, Applicants hereby request that this petition be considered under to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.181 and/or § 1.183. The petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

Should this petition be considered insufficient, or the relief requested not be granted for any reason, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a *bona fide* attempt to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of June 4, 2004, and that Applicants be permitted an opportunity to supplement this response.

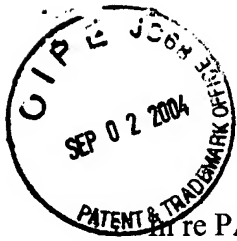
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2228. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check

being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2228. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2228.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Sept. 1, 2004
PATTON BOGGS LLP
Customer Number: 32042
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By Michele Van Patten Frank
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DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF §1.47 PETITION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

My name is Michele V. Frank. I am an attorney of record in the above-identified patent application.

On June 10, 2004 I forwarded a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/802,036, as filed, along with unexecuted declaration and assignment documents associated with the above-identified patent application, and a cover letter, to the last known address of Eitan Konstantino via Federal Express (Exhibit #1).

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In the aforementioned cover letter, Mssrs. Konstantino and Feld were advised of the statutory final deadline for furnishing an executed declaration to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Said letter further requested that the executed documents be provided by September 1, 2004 in order to provide sufficient time to prepare an appropriate response the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 4, 2004. Mssrs. Konstantino and Feld were also advised that failure to return executed documents by July 26, 2004 (and by September 1, 2004 for the second attempted letter to Mr. Feld) would be construed as an express refusal to sign these documents.

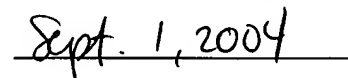
As of the current date, to the best of my knowledge, neither Eitan Konstantino nor Tanhum Feld has returned an executed declaration or assignment for the present application, nor has any communication been received from either inventor.

In addition, attached as Exhibit #3 is a copy of the Petition, Declaration of Facts (and exhibits) and Granting of Petition for parent application serial number 10/644,550, in which Applicants, Mssrs. Konstantino and Feld, were non-signing inventors.

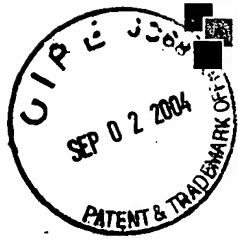
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Michele V. Frank



Date



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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/802,036
Entitled: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED
Our Ref: 021617.0253C2US

Dear Mr. Konstantino:

We are writing to you on behalf of Advanced Stent Technologies with regard to the execution of certain formal papers in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified US Patent Application. This application is a continuation-in-part of, among other applications, U.S. Application No. 10/644,550, for which we previously requested your execution of certain documents. To date, we have not received those executed documents from you.

Accordingly, attached is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/802,036, as filed. We are presented with a deadline of **August 4, 2004** for filing executed copies of the attached documents with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Alternatively, Advanced Stent Technologies can proceed with the prosecution of the Application despite your refusal to sign the formal papers.

Please review, sign and date the attached documents and return them directly to me at the above-indicated address no later than **July 26, 2004**. Failure to do so would be construed as an express refusal to sign the formal papers, and Advanced Stent Technologies will take the appropriate measures to proceed with the prosecution of the above-identified patent applications without your participation.



Eitan Konstantino
June 10, 2004
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Should you have any questions or comments with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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Michele V. Frank, Esq.

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Enclosures

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

(Attorney Docket No. 021617.0253C2US)

the specification of which (check one)

 is attached hereto.

 X was filed on March 17, 2004, as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/802,036 and was amended on (if applicable).

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used by others in the United States of America, or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, before I (we) invented it;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, for more than one year prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was first patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate that issued in any country foreign to the United States of America before the filing date of this United States application if the foreign application was filed by me (us), or by my (our) legal representatives or assigns, more than twelve months (six months for design patents) prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

THAT I believe that the above-identified specification contains a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention, and sets forth the best mode contemplated by me of carrying out the invention; and

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I HEREBY CLAIM foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's

certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed?	Certified Copy Attached?
PCT/US99/00835	WO	January 13, 1999	yes	

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application Number	Filing Date
60/487,226	July 16, 2003
60/488,006	July 18, 2003
60/404,756	August 21, 2002

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Application Number	Parent Filing Date	Parent Patent Number
10/705,247		November 12, 2003	
10/644,550		August 21, 2003	
10/440,401		May 19, 2003	
09/963,114		September 24, 2001	
09/750,372		December 27, 2000	6,599,316
09/668,687		September 22, 2000	
09/326,445		June 4, 1999	6,325,826
09/007,265		January 14, 1998	6,210,429
08/744,002		November 4, 1996	

I HEREBY APPOINT the registered attorneys and agents at Customer Number 32042 to have full power to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, and reexaminations thereof, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I request that all correspondence be directed to:

Michele V. Frank
Patton Boggs LLP
Customer Number: 32042

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I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT the foregoing attorneys and agents appointed by me to prosecute this application do not personally represent me or my legal interests, but instead represent the interests of the legal owner(s) of the invention described in this application.

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Inventor's signature	
Date	

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I/We, the below named inventor(s), [hereinafter referred to as Assignor(s)], have made an invention entitled:

STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

for which I/WE executed an application for United States Letters Patent concurrently herewith; or on ____; or filed an application of United States Letters Patent on March 17, 2004, (Application No. 10/802,036); and

WHEREAS Advanced Stent Technologies, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, whose post office address is 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415, Pleasanton, California 94566 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application of United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for and valuable consideration the receipt of which from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, I/WE, as assignor(s), have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the Assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, MY/OUR entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention, including the right to recover for past infringement, and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such applications, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and I/WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent of this invention to Assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY covenant that I/WE have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and I/WE have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/WE will, without further consideration, communicate with Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to ME/US respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said Assignee, its successors or assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/WE have hereunto set our hand(s).

County of _____	_____ Charles J. Davidson Full Name of Sole or First Assignor
State of _____	_____ 1131 Sunview Lane, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 Address
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2004.	_____ Date
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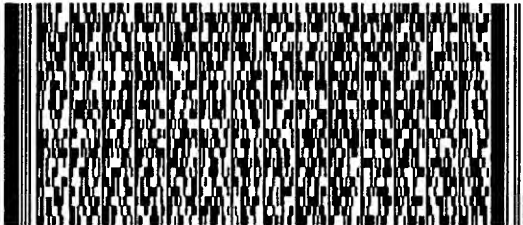
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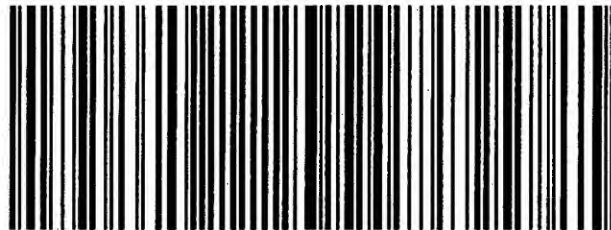
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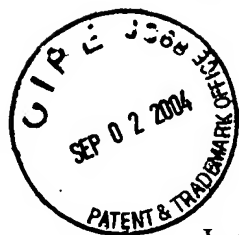
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I/We, the below named inventor(s), [hereinafter referred to as Assignor(s)], have made an invention entitled:

STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

for which I/WE executed an application for United States Letters Patent concurrently herewith; or on ____; or filed an application of United States Letters Patent on March 17, 2004, (Application No. 10/802,036); and

WHEREAS Advanced Stent Technologies, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, whose post office address is 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415, Pleasanton, California 94566 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application of United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for and valuable consideration the receipt of which from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, I/WE, as assignor(s), have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the Assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, MY/OUR entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention, including the right to recover for past infringement, and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such applications, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and I/WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent of this invention to Assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY covenant that I/WE have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and I/WE have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/WE will, without further consideration, communicate with Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to ME/US respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said Assignee, its successors or assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

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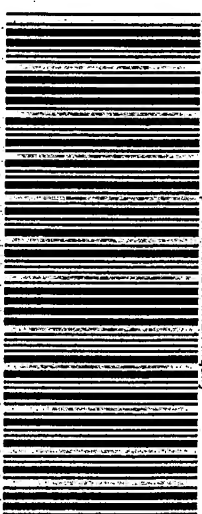
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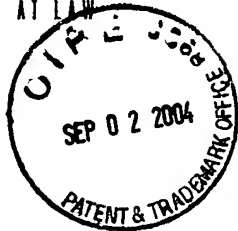
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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/802,036
Entitled: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED
Our Ref: 021617.0253C2US

Dear Mr. Feld:

We are writing to you on behalf of Advanced Stent Technologies with regard to the execution of certain formal papers in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified US Patent Application. This application is a continuation-in-part of, among other applications, U.S. Application No. 10/644,550, for which we previously requested your execution of certain documents. To date, we have not received those executed documents from you.

Accordingly, attached is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/802,036, as filed. We are presented with an initial deadline of **August 4, 2004** for filing executed copies of the attached documents with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Alternatively, Advanced Stent Technologies can proceed with the prosecution of the Application despite your refusal to sign the formal papers.

Please review, sign and date the attached documents and return them directly to me at the above-indicated address no later than **September 1, 2004**. Failure to do so would be construed as an express refusal to sign the formal papers, and Advanced Stent Technologies will take the appropriate measures to proceed with the prosecution of the above-identified patent applications without your participation.



Tanhum Feld
July 26, 2004
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Should you have any questions or comments with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michele V. Frank', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michele V. Frank, Esq.

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Enclosures

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

(Attorney Docket No. 021617.0253C2US)

the specification of which (check one)

 is attached hereto.

 X was filed on March 17, 2004, as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/802,036 and was amended on (if applicable).

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used by others in the United States of America, or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, before I (we) invented it;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, for more than one year prior to the filing date of this United States application;

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THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

THAT I believe that the above-identified specification contains a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention, and sets forth the best mode contemplated by me of carrying out the invention; and

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I HEREBY CLAIM foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's

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Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed?	Certified Copy Attached?
PCT/US99/00835	WO	January 13, 1999	yes	

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application Number	Filing Date
60/487,226	July 16, 2003
60/488,006	July 18, 2003
60/404,756	August 21, 2002

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I HEREBY APPOINT the registered attorneys and agents at Customer Number 32042 to have full power to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, and reexaminations thereof, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I request that all correspondence be directed to:

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I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT the foregoing attorneys and agents appointed by me to prosecute this application do not personally represent me or my legal interests, but instead represent the interests of the legal owner(s) of the invention described in this application.

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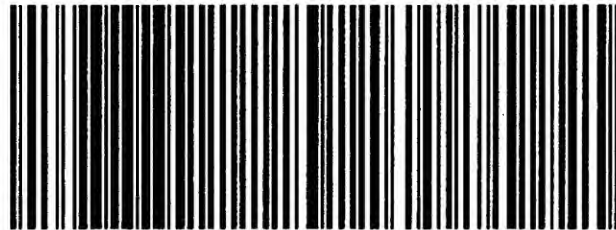
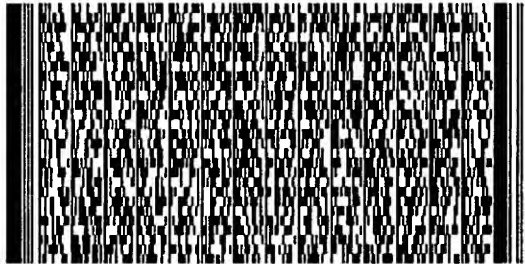
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Gil M. VARDI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3731

Application No.: 10/644,550

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: August 21, 2003

Title: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH
PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, to accept the present application as being filed on behalf of the non-signing inventors.

OATH OR DECLARATION BY ALL AVAILABLE INVENTORS

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the September 17, 2003 Notice to File Missing Parts along with a declaration executed by all available inventors who were willing to sign.

IDENTIFICATION OF NON-SIGNING INVENTORS & LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES

Both Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld are named inventors, and have refused to join the present application by signing of the declaration. Their last known address information is as follows:

Eitan Konstantino
29 Meadows Park Court
Orinda, CA 94563

Tanhum Feld
Moshav Merhavia
19105 Israel

PROOF OF UNAVAILABILITY OR REFUSAL

Applicants submit herewith the Declarations of Marta Soto and Michele V. Frank in support of this petition. It is respectfully submitted that the Declarations and Exhibits attached thereto establish: (i) Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld were presented with the application and declaration; (ii) were requested to join in the application by executing the declaration; and (iii) the conduct of Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld constitutes a refusal to join in the application.

RELIEF REQUESTED & CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants request that the present application be accepted as complete. To the extent that it is determined that relief is inappropriate pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, Applicants hereby request that this petition be considered under to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 and/or § 1.183.

The petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

Should this petition be considered insufficient, or the relief requested not be granted for any reason, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a *bona fide* attempt to respond

to the Notice to File Missing Parts of September 17, 2003, and that Applicants be permitted an opportunity to supplement this response.

Respectfully submitted,

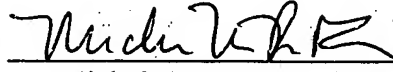
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Michele Van Patten Frank
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 37,028

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Gil M. VARDI et al.

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Application No.: 09/390,026

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: August 21, 2003

Title: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH
PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF §1.47 PETITION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

My name is Marta Soto. I am currently employed by Advanced Stent Technologies, Inc. as an Executive Assistant.

On November 6, 2003 I forwarded unexecuted declaration and assignment documents associated with the above-identified patent application to the last known address of both Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld via U.S. Mail.

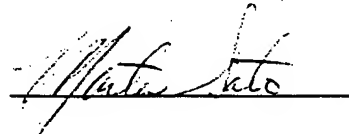
On November 25, 2003 and November 26, 2003 I received e-mail messages from both Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld, respectively, acknowledging receipt of the documents and requesting a copy of the above-identified application (Exhibit #1).

On December 1, 2003 I replied to Eitan Konstantino by e-mail and attached a copy of the patent application to my message (Exhibit #1).

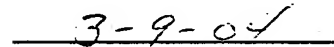
On December 18, 2003 I again sent declaration and assignment documents to Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld via United Parcel Service (Exhibit #2).

As of the current date, to the best of my knowledge, neither Eitan Konstantino nor Tanhum Feld has returned an executed declaration or assignment.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.



Marta Soto



Date

Marta Soto

From: Marta Soto
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2004 11:16 AM
To: Jerry Caulder; Eric Williams; Jay Brumfield
Subject: FW: Patent paperwork

On November 6 I sent Eitan and Tanhum a copy of a Declaration and Power of Attorney and an Assignment. I interacted through email since then, but never received the documents back. If there are outstanding issues, I don't know about them.

My responsibility is to get the signatures of the inventors as requested by Michele Frank and the paperwork back to her office. I believe this matter is for higher authority. Please advise me on as to what action I should take.

Thanks
Marta

-----Original Message-----

From: Eitan Konstantino [mailto:konsta@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2004 10:20 AM
To: 'Marta Soto'
Cc: Tanhum
Subject: RE: Patent paperwork

Dear Marta

I am writing on behalf of Tanhum and myself.

We are open to sign the patent application documents that you have mailed us. This shall be done in conjunction with a resolution of all the outstanding issues between us and AST including a mutual release agreement.

Best regards

Eitan Konstantino
Tanhum Feld.

Eitan Konstantino, PhD
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AngioScore Inc.
965 Atlantic Ave #101
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-----Original Message-----

From: Marta Soto [mailto:msoto@Advancedstent.com]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2003 10:10 AM
To: 'konsta@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Patent paperwork

Hi Eitan,

1/14/2004

I received by mail some paperwork from you regarding a patent that I invented. I have not received the application itself. Please forward the application to me in order to review the material that you want me to sign

Regards

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To: 'konsta@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Patent paperwork

Hi Eitan,

Okay, I have attached a soft copy for you. I can also send you a hard copy if you wish. Please let me know and I will put it into the mail today. Sorry I did not respond earlier. I have been gone for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,
Marta

-----Original Message-----

From: Eitan Konstantino [mailto:konsta@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2003 4:43 PM
To: msoto@Advancedstent.com
Subject: Patent paperwork

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Regards

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Marta Soto

From: Marta Soto
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2003 10:05 AM
To: 'tanhum feld'
Subject: RE: Documents for signing

Hi Tanhum,

Thank you for emailing me because I had no way of contacting you, other than mail. I have attached the soft copy of the patent application and if you wish I can also send you a hard copy. Please let me know. Hope all is well. Please tell your wife I said hi.

Sincerely
Marta

P.S. If you happen to see Michal tell her I still think of her.

-----Original Message-----

From: tanhum feld [mailto:tfeld@012.net.il]
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2003 5:10 PM
To: msoto@Advancedstent.com
Subject: Documents for signing

Dear Marta,

How are you? I hope you are doing well.

I received the documents you sent.
Please send me the referenced patent application so I will know what you want me to sign.

Best regards,
Tanhum Feld

Marta Soto

From: Marta Soto
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2003 2:04 PM
To: 'tanhum feld'
Cc: Eric Williams
Subject: RE: Documents for signing

Hi Tanhum,

I have sent you the referenced patent application but I have not received the signed notarized document back. Can you please send it so I can forward to the patent office. If you have question please email me or call me. My direct number is 925-931-2732.

Thank you

Marta

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Eitan Konstantino

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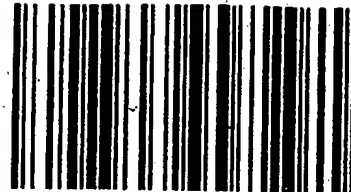
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PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF \$1.47 PETITION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

My name is Michele V. Frank. I am an attorney of record in the above-identified patent application.

On February 10, 2004 I forwarded a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,550, as filed, along with unexecuted declaration and assignment documents associated with the above-identified patent application, and a cover letter, to the last known address of Eitan Konstantino via Federal Express (Exhibit #1).


On February 10, 2004 I forwarded a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,550, as filed, along with unexecuted declaration and assignment documents associated with the above-identified patent application, and a cover letter, to the last known address of Tanhum Feld via Federal Express (Exhibit #2).

In the aforementioned cover letter, Mssrs. Konstantino and Feld were advised of the statutory final deadline for furnishing an executed declaration to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Said letter further requested that the executed documents be provided by February 23,

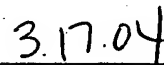
2004 in order to provide sufficient time to prepare an appropriate response the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 17, 2003. Mssrs. Konstantino and Feld were also advised that failure to return executed documents by February 23, 2004 would be construed as an express refusal to sign these documents.

As of the current date, to the best of my knowledge, neither Eitan Konstantino nor Tanhum Feld has returned an executed declaration or assignment for the present application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.



Michele V. Frank



Date

EXHIBIT 1



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February 10, 2004

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Eitan Konstantino
29 Meadows Park Court
Orinda, CA 94563

Re: U.S. Application No. 10/644,550 and PCT/US03/26743
Entitled: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED
Our Ref: 021617.0253PTUS

Dear Mr. Konstantino:

We are writing to you on behalf of Advanced Stent Technologies with regard to the execution of certain formal papers in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified PCT and US Patent Applications.

More particularly, attached is a copy of International Application PCT/US03/26743 as filed, as well as a Power of Attorney, authorizing prosecution of this application by the indicated representative.

Also attached is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,550, as filed, as well as updated Declaration and Assignment documents associated therewith. Please note that both the Power of Attorney and Declaration and Assignment documents have been prepared using the most recent address information available to us.

With respect to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,550, we are presented with a final deadline of **March 17, 2004** for filing executed copies of the attached documents with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Alternatively, Advanced Stent Technologies can proceed with the prosecution of the Application despite your refusal to sign the formal papers.

Please review, sign and date the attached documents and return them directly to me at the above-indicated address no later than **February 23, 2004**. Failure to do so would be construed as an express refusal to sign the formal papers, and Advanced Stent Technologies



Eitan Konstantino
February 10, 2004
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will take the appropriate measures to proceed with the prosecution of the above-identified patent applications without your participation.

Should you have any questions or comments with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele V. Frank', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michele V. Frank, Esq.

MVF:SWC:cdw

Enclosures

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

(Attorney Docket No. 21617.290)

the specification of which (check one)

 is attached hereto.

 X was filed on August 21, 2003, as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/644,550 and was amended on (if applicable).

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used by others in the United States of America, or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, before I (we) invented it;

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AND, I/WE HEREBY covenant that I/WE have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and I/WE have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/WE will, without further consideration, communicate with Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to ME/US respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said Assignee, its successors or assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/WE have hereunto set our hand(s).

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Names of additional inventors attached ☒ Yes ☐ No

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

(for an international application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 90.4)

The undersigned applicant(s) (Names should be indicated as they appear in the request):

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United States of America

hereby appoints (appoint) the following person as:



agent



common representative

Name and address

(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)

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to represent the undersigned before



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in connection with the international application identified below:

Title of the invention: Stent with Protruding Branch Portion for Bifurcated Vessels

Applicant's or agent's file reference: 021617.0253PTWO

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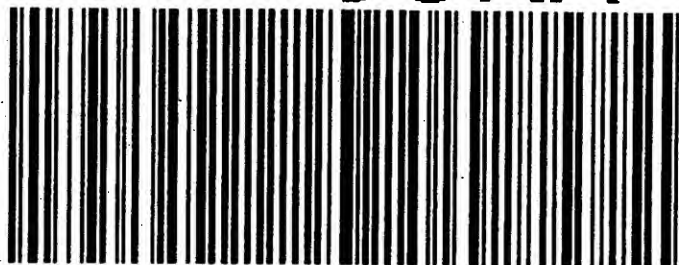
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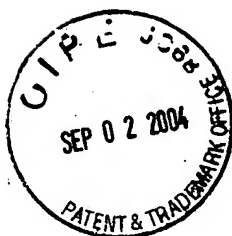
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Entitled: STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED
Our Ref: 021617.0253PTUS

Dear Mr. Feld:

We are writing to you on behalf of Advanced Stent Technologies with regard to the execution of certain formal papers in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified PCT and US Patent Applications.

More particularly, attached is a copy of International Application No. PCT/US03/26743 as filed, as well as a Power of Attorney, authorizing prosecution of this application by the indicated representative.

Also attached is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,550, as filed, as well as updated Declaration and Assignment documents associated therewith. Please note that both the Power of Attorney and Declaration and Assignment documents have been prepared using the most recent address information available to us.

With respect to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,550, we are presented with a final deadline of **March 17, 2004** for filing executed copies of the attached documents with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Alternatively, Advanced Stent Technologies can proceed with the prosecution of the Application despite your refusal to sign the formal papers.

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Tanhum Feld
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Should you have any questions or comments with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

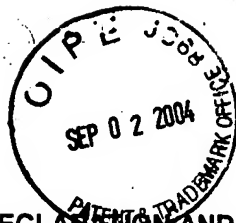
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Enclosures



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

STENT WITH PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

(Attorney Docket No. 21617.290)

the specification of which (check one)

 is attached hereto.

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WHEREAS Advanced Stent Technologies, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, whose post office address is 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415, Pleasanton, California 94566 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application of United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for and valuable consideration the receipt of which from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, I/WE, as assignor(s), have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the Assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, MY/OUR entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such applications, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and I/WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent of this invention to Assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY covenant that I/WE have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and I/WE have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/WE will, without further consideration, communicate with Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to ME/US respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said Assignee, its successors or assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/WE have hereunto set our hand(s).

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in connection with the international application identified below:

Title of the invention: Stent with Protruding Branch Portion for Bifurcated Vessels

Applicant's or agent's file reference: 021617.0253PTWO

International application number (if already available): PCT/US03/26743

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PROTRUDING BRANCH PORTION FOR
BIFURCATED VESSELS.

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DECISION GRANTING
PETITION UNDER
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to a Petition under 37 CFR 1.47, filed March 17, 2004, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor.. The petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

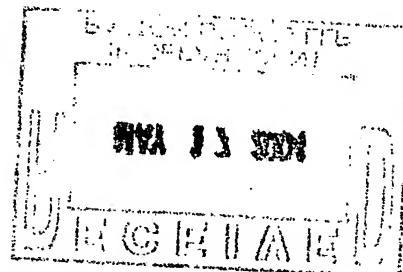
Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors, Eitan Konstantino and Tanhum Feld, refuse to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

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Dear Mr. Konstantino:

You are named as an inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

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